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SUBJECT: FRANCESCO TAMMAR, ET AL, 123-CO-4923-1

REF: FREETOWN 1265 ET AL.

1. IN UNUSUAL TURN OF EVENTS TAMMAR AND PIO WERE "DISCHARGED" OF CHARGES OF POSSESSING US COUNTERFIET CURRENCY ON JULY 4, 1975, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RE-ARRESTED FOR SAME CHARGE ON JULY 5, 1975. IN HEARING ON JULY 7, THE CASE WAS POSTPONED UNTIL JULY 25. DURING INTERIM, PIO AND TAMMAR WILL BE DETAINED IN PADEMBA PRISON.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, TAMMAR AND PIO WERE DISCHARGED BY MAGISTRATE PRINCE WILSON BECAUSE PROSECUTION WAS UNABLE TO GO ON WITH CASE WHEN A PROSECUTION WITNESS FAILED TO SHOW UP. IN WHAT SIERRA LEONE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT ASST SUPERINTENDENT BOMBAY KAMARA CALLED A "TRICKY LEGAL MANEUVER," THE DEFENDENTS' LAWYER GOT THE CHARGES

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DISCHARGED AND DEFENDENTS RELEASED. EMBASSY NOT AWARE

OF PRECISE LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS BUT KAMARA ADVISED US TODAY THAT DEFENDENTS HAD NOT BEEN ACQUITTED OF CHARGE. HE CONFIRMED THAT CASE WOULD BE PROSECUTED. KAMARA PERSONALLY ATTENDED JULY 7 COURT SESSION WHEN CASE WAS POSTPONED.

3. EMBASSY ENCOURAGED BY QUICK RECOVERY BY CID AFTER THEY HAD APPARENTLY BEEN OUTFOXED BY DEFENDENTS' LAWYER. EMBASSY BELIEVES CID DETERMINATION TO PROSECUTE CASE STEMS IN PART FROM APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED DURING PETIEVICH VISIT. PERHAPS THIS REVERSAL WILL PERSUADE THE DEFENDENTS TO TALK.
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